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GRANTING INDEPENDENCE TO COLONIAL COUNTRIES AND PEOPLES

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1. AS POINTED OUT IN REFTTEL (A), THE PRINCIPAL SUBSTANTIVE DIFFERENCE BETWEEN THE PRESENT G-77 DRAFT RESOLUTION AND LAST YEAR'S ECOSOC RESOLUTION 2101 (LXIII) IS THE OMISSION OF A PARAGRAPH ENDORSING THE MAPUTO DECLARATION.

2. AS WE SEE IT, THE MAIN PROBLEMS WITH THE NEW DRAFT, AS WITH THE PREVIOUS RESOLUTION, ARE (1) THE SWEEPING LANGUAGE CALLING ON UN AGENCIES TO "DO EVERYTHING POSSIBLE" IN PROVIDING "ALL NECESSARY MORAL AND MATERIAL ASSISTANCE" TO THE PEOPLES OF COLONIAL TERRITORIES AND THEIR NATIONAL LIBERATION MOVEMENTS, WITHOUT FURTHER DEFINITION AS TO THE TYPES OF ASSISTANCE TO BE PROVIDED; AND (2) THE ENDORSEMENT IN OPERATIVE PARAGRAPH 1 OF THE OBSERVATIONS AND
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SUGGESTIONS CONTAINED IN THE ECOSOC PRESIDENT'S REPORT (DOCUMENT E/1978/104). THE LATTER ARE, IN FACT, THE JOINT RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE PRESIDENT OF ECOSOC AND THE CHAIRMAN OF THE DECOLONIZATION COMMITTEE. AMONG THESE, AS IN THE CASE OF LAST YEAR'S PRESIDENT'S REPORT, WERE SOME RECOMMENDATIONS WE FIND TROUBLESOME, E.G., THE CALL FOR SUPPORT FROM "MAJOR FUNDING INSTITUTIONS" WITHIN THE UN

SYSTEM; THE RECOMMENDED INCLUSION IN THE REGULAR BUDGETS OF UN AGENCIES OF FUNDING FOR PROJECTS SUPPORTED BY THE OAU AND NLMS; AND THE IMPLIED ENDORSEMENT OF MEMBERSHIP IN UN AGENCIES FOR THE UN COUNCIL FOR NAMIBIA. (IF DOCUMENT E/1978/104, DATED JULY 3, 1978, IS NOT YET AVAILABLE IN WASHINGTON, THE RECOMMENDATIONS CONTAINED THEREIN ARE SIMILAR TO THOSE CONTAINED IN LAST YEAR'S PRESIDENT'S REPORT, DOCUMENT E/6018 OF JULY 6, 1977, EXCEPT THAT THE HIGHLIGHTS OF THE MAPUTO DECLARATION ARE OMITTED.)

3. BEARING IN MIND OUR ACTION LAST YEAR IN PARTICIPATING IN A CONSENSUS ON RESOLUTION 2101 (LXIII), FOLLOWING WHICH WE EXPLAINED OUR SUPPORT WITH RESERVATIONS (REFTEL B) AND ALSO BEARING IN MIND THE DEPARTMENT'S RECENT INSTRUCTIONS TO OUR DELEGATION TO THE UNDP GOVERNING COUNCIL (REFTEL C), THIS DELEGATION RECOMMENDS THAT WE AGAIN PARTICIPATE IN A CONSENSUS IN ADOPTING THE CURRENT DRAFT RESOLUTION, AFTER WHICH WE WOULD MAKE AN EXPLANATION ALONG THE FOLLOWING LINES: BEGIN QUOTE MY DELEGATION HAS JOINED THE CONSENSUS IN APPROVING THIS RESOLUTION IN A SPIRIT OF SYMPATHY AND SOLIDARITY WITH THE ASPIRATIONS OF THE PEOPLES OF ZIMBABWE AND NAMIBIA AND AS A REAFFIRMATION OF OUR SUPPORT FOR THE PROCESS OF DECOLONIZATION. BEGIN NEW PARAGRAPH WE ASSOCIATE OURSELVES IN LARGE MEASURE WITH THE CONTENTS OF THE RESOLUTION WE HAVE JUST APPROVED, LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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ALTHOUGH WE DO HAVE SOME PROBLEMS WITH SOME OF THE LANGUAGE CONCERNING DIRECT ASSISTANCE TO BE PROVIDED BY UN AGENCIES TO NATIONAL LIBERATION MOVEMENTS IN AFRICA. WE CONSIDER THAT THE TYPES OF ASSISTANCE REFERRED TO SHOULD HAVE BEEN MORE CAREFULLY DEFINED SO AS TO MAKE IT CLEAR THAT THESE SHOULD BE FOR HUMANITARIAN AND OTHER PEACEFUL PURPOSES. IT SHOULD ALSO BE UNDERSTOOD, MOREOVER, THAT ANY ASSISTANCE PROVIDED BY UN AGENCIES SHOULD BE CLEARLY WITHIN THEIR RESPECTIVE CONSTITUTIONAL MANDATES. WITH RESPECT TO OPERATIVE PARAGRAPH 1 WHICH ENDORSES THE OBSERVATIONS AND SUGGESTIONS CONTAINED IN THE REPORT OF THE PRESIDENT OF THE ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL COUNCIL (E/1978/104), MY DELEGATION WISHES TO STATE THAT OUR PARTICIPATION IN THIS CONSENSUS DOES NOT MEAN THAT WE SUPPORT EVERY DETAIL OF THOSE RECOMMENDATIONS. THERE ARE A FEW POINTS THAT GIVE US PROBLEMS, ALTHOUGH THERE IS MUCH WITH WHICH WE AGREE. BEGIN NEW PARAGRAPH MY DELEGATION AGAIN WISHES TO EXPRESS THE SINCERE HOPE OF THE UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT FOR PEACEFUL CHANGE AND RACIAL PROGRESS IN SOUTHERN AFRICA. END QUOTE.

4. UK, FRG AND FRENCH DELEGATIONS INDICATE THEY WILL MAKE

SIMILAR RESERVATIONS. CANADA IS AN OBSERVER IN ECOSOC
THIS YEAR.

5. SEPTTEL WILL REPORT THE COURSE OF DEBATE ON THIS ITEM,
IN WHICH NO WEO COUNTRIES HAVE SPOKEN SO FAR.
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